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### 1. SECSTATE'S PRESS CONFERENCE

VANCE SAID US WILL SPEAK OUT ON HUMAN RTS ABROAD WHEN ADVIS-  
ABLE (GWERTZMAN, NYT; CORDDRY, SUN; MARDER, WP; BRADSHER,  
WSTAR 1/31; GAILEY, PHINQ). SECSTATE EXPRESSED HOPE EVEN-  
TUAL NORMALIZATION RELS W/PRC/VN/CUBA. VANCE REFRAINED FROM  
CRITICIZING SK/CHILE WHEN OFFERED CHANCE BY QUESTIONERS.  
STATED "INTENSIVE REVIEW" UNDER WAY ON HOW DEAL W/CHINA AND  
TAIWAN ISSUE (GWERTZMAN, NYT). MARDER (WP) NOTES VANCE  
REITERATED DESIRE PROCEED TOWARD NORMALIZATION RELS W/VN  
FOLLOWING FURTHER EXPLORATION.

### 2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

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RTG ALERTS ARMY, ACCUSES CAMBODIA OF UNCIVILIZED/INHUMAN/  
BRUTAL ATTACK ON 3 BORDER VILLAGES THAT KILLED 30 PEOPLE.  
CLOSES BORDER, SAYS WILL TAKE ISSUE TO UN IF PP DOES NOT  
RESPOND TO PROTEST (WP). RTG CLOSES BORDER, STATES WILL  
USE DRASTIC MEASURES TO REPEL FUTURE CAMBODIAN RAIDS ACROSS  
BORDER. BANGKOK PAPERS CALL RAID "MURDER OF INNOCENTS"  
(AP, NYT). NYT ALSO CARRIES AP PIC OF THAI SOLDIER STAND-  
ING OVER BODY INFANT SLAIN DURING CAMBODIAN RAID. NYDN/NYT  
CARRY UPI STORY OF THAI FARMER; 5 OF HIS 8 CHILDREN WERE  
KILLED BY KR TROOPS. NYT (UPI) REPORTS KR HIT 3 VILLAGES;

ONLY 1 HAD BORDER PATROL UNIT THAT DROVE OFF ATTACKERS.  
MENTIONS OFFICIALS THOUGHT KR CAME FOR FOOD.

VN MERGES NLF/FATHERLAND FRONT/NATL ALLIANCE DEMOCRATIC  
PEACE FORCES INTO NATL UNITED FRONT; SO-CALLED POPULAR  
FRONT GROUP WILL WORK CLOSELY W/RULING CP (UPI, NYT).

AFTER MEETING PRES, REP MONTGOMERY (D-MISS), CHMN FORMER  
HOUSE MIA CMTE, TOLD PRESS PRES SAID WOULD TAKE SOME  
ACTION IN NEAR FUTURE BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT. WH'S  
JODY POWELL SAID VN IS "PRIORITY MATTER" (MARDER, WP).

### 3. JAPAN

UNDER AGREEMENT REACHED LAST APRIL, PLO OPENED TOKYO OFFICE  
2/1, HEADED BY FORMER NEW DELHI PLO CHIEF (REUTER TOKYO).

FORMER TRANSPORT MINISTER HASHIMOTO/FORMER DEP TRANSPORT  
MINISTER SATO PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES THEY RECEIVED  
BRIBES IN RETURN FOR USING INFLUENCE HELP LOCKHEED WIN  
SALES IN JAPAN. BOTH ON TRIAL W/6 ALL NIPPON EXECS (UPI  
NYT, JOC).

JAPAN'S 6 MAJOR STEELMAKERS WILL VOLUNTARILY CUT CRUDE  
STEEL PRODUCTION FOR JAN-MAR PERIOD TO REDUCE SWOLLEN IN-  
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VENTORIES (UPI JOC).

JAPAN'S MOTOR VEHICLE EXPORTS ROSE 39 PCT LAST YR; THOSE  
TO US UP 2.9 PCT (WSJ).

JAPANESE EMB HELD PARTY, HOSTED BY MME TOGO/MINISTER  
NISHIDA, FOR AFI FILM CLUB'S PREVIEWING OF JAPANESE FILM  
"THE CASTLE OF SAND" (WP).

### 4. PHILIPPINES

AP'S ZEITLIN (GLOBE 1/30) REPORTS THAT AFTER 2 YRS, GRAND-  
CHILDREN OF PHILS' LATE PRES SERGIO OSMENA ALLOWED LEAVE  
PHILS TO LIVE W/MOTHER, MARIA CABARRUS, IN BOSTON. CABAR-  
RUS FORCED LEAVE THEM BEHIND IN '74 AS SIGN GOOD INTEN-  
TIONS TO USE HER INFLUENCE IN ARRANGING MTG BETWEEN  
IMELDA/SABAN'S FORMER CHIEF MIN MUSTAPHA, WHOM GOP ACCUSES  
OF SUPPORTING MOSLEM DISSIDENTS IN PHILS. ATTEMPT FAILED,  
MARCOS TOOK NO ACTION ON REQUESTS ALLOW CHILDREN LEAVE  
UNTIL NOW.

### 5. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN ANTI-NUKE ACTIVIST GORDON MUTCH CLAIMS PLANNED  
FRENCH NUKE TESTS IN PAC THIS MONTH COULD TRIGGER RIPPLE

EFFECTS STRONG ENOUGH NEAR SAN ANDREAS FAULT TO DEVASTATE  
SAN FRANCISCO 7-15 DAYS AFTER EXPLOSION (REUTER PERTH).

AUSSIE LAW REFORM COMM TO PROPOSE MAJOR, MORE LIBERAL  
CHANGES IN NATION'S DEFAMATION LAWS COVERING PAPERS/TV/  
RADIO (REUTER).

6. CHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR 1/31) QUOTES EARLIER STATEMENTS FROM NEW  
NSC EXPERT OKSENBERG THAT ENDING US DEF TREATY W/ROC "NEED  
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NOT IMPLY" THAT US "HAS ABANDONED ITS COMMITMENT" TO  
PEACEFUL SOLUTION TAIWAN ISSUE. FAVORS SWITCHING DIP RELS,  
BUT INSISTS US HAS "OBLIGATION, AS A HISTORICAL LEGACY" TO  
TAIWANESE. OKSENBERG ALSO BELIEVES SELLING MIL EQUIPMENT  
TO PRC IS OPPORTUNITY WHICH "SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED  
LIGHTLY."

LESLIE (LAT 1/30) REMARKS PRC IS FOCUS OF MORE WESTERN  
TRADE PUBLICATIONS THAN ANY OTHER NATION--DESPITE FACT  
PRC'S PRESENT SHARE WORLD TRADE LESS THAN 1 PCT. LOW CIR-  
CULATION/HIGH SUBSCRIPTION FEES CHARACTERIZE PUBLICATIONS,  
WHICH SEEM PREY ON WESTERN BUSINESS' FASCINATION FOR THE  
EXOTIC.

7. KOREA

SUN'S TREWHITT (TOKYO) REPORTS VP MONDALE ASSERTS US  
GROUND FORCES IN SK WILL BE REDUCED "OVER SOME SCHEDULE,"  
IN CLOSE CONSULTATION W/KOREA/JAPAN, "WHETHER OR NOT" ROKG  
OBJECTS--US AIR FORCES/SECURITY GUARANTEES TO REMAIN IN-  
TACT. NUKES NOT MENTIONED PUBLICLY. FM FUKDUA "IN EFFECT"  
URGES US NOT TO GO TOO FAR/DESTABILIZE NEASIA EQUILIBRIUM.

FORMIN PARK TONG JIN DECLARES US TROOPS CAN BE PULLED OUT  
OF ROK "ONLY WHEN PEACE IS ASSURED ON THE PENINSULA."  
PARK TELLS NEWS CONF PEACE MUST BE ENSURED "INSTITUTIONAL-  
LY", W/SK/NK NONAGGRESSION PACT AS ONE SUCH MEASURE (AP  
SEOUL 1/31).

JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARIAN CHUJI KUNO, RETURNING TOKYO FROM  
PYONGYANG, STATES KIM IL SUNG WELCOMED PRES CARTER'S  
"ELECTION PLEDGE" TO REMOVE US TROOPS/NUKES FROM SK (REU-  
TER TOKYO 1/31).

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE ASKS 530,000 DOLS FOR PROBE SK LOBBYING--  
VOTES HIRE EX-ASST SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WATERGATE, PHILIP  
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LACOVARA, TO HEAD INQUIRY (WP'S BABCOCK). MARY MCGRORY (WSTAR 1/31) SERIOUSLY QUESTIONS SUITABILITY REP FLYNT, WHO DEFENDED ALREADY-REPRIMANDED REP SIKES BEFORE DEM CAUCUS, TO CHAIR ETHICS CMTE--QUOTES COMMON CAUSE REP AS SAYING FLYNT'S CAUCUS PERFORMANCE "ABSOLUTELY DISQUALIFIES" HIM TO PROBE "THE WORST SCANDAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE."

HOUSE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS "TOUGH" NEW CODE OF ETHICS WHICH WOULD BAN GIFTS OF 100 DOLS OR MORE FROM FOREIGN NATIONALS SUCH AS "AGENTS OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT" (WSTAR'S SARRO 1/31), AND PUT CONTROLS ON UNOFFICIAL "OFFICE ACCOUNTS" SUCH AS THE ONE ABUSED BY REP MCFALL IN HANDLING "CONTRIBUTIONS" FROM TONGSUN PARK (WP'S RUSSELL).

#### 8. VP'S TRIP

MONDALE STOP IN JAPAN GETS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ALL PAPERS, INCL PIX VP/FUKUDA. NYT SPEC NOTES VP MET PM FUKUDA, URGED FASTER EXPANSION JAPANESE ECONOMY TO SPUR INTL GROWTH. ADDS PRES INVITED PM FOR WASHINGTON TALKS 3/21-22. SAYS VP-PM TALKS CENTERED ON GOJ ECON POLICY/GROWING TRADE SURPLUSES W/US/EEC. CULLISON (JOC) HIGHLIGHTS PRES' INVITATION TO FUKUDA VISIT US FOR SUMMIT CONF. WSTAR (1/31) CARRIES UPI PIC MONDALE BEING WELCOMED BY SMILING FONMIN HATOYAMA. STEIGER (LAT 1/31) OPINES MAIN PURPOSE VP FLIGHT TO JAPAN IS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT JAPAN AS IMPORTANT TO NEW ADMIN AS EUR.

KELLY (CHITRIB) REPORTS MONDALE FLEW 22 HRS TO JAPAN TO SEEK AID FOR US TRADE DEFICIT/SHOW GOJ THAT CONSIDERED JUST AS IMPORTANT AS EUR. WIEGHART (NYDN) SEES INDICATIONS AGREEMENT THAT US/JAPAN/FRG SHOULD FOLLOW EXPANSIONARY ECON POLICIES TO LIFT WORLD'S ECONMY. BELIEVES FOCAL POINT CARTER-FUKUDA SUMMIT WILL BE JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS W/US. ADDS JAPANESE LEADERS CONCERNED OVER CARTER'S PROMISE UNCLASSIFIED

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GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL 42,000 US TROOPS IN SK. THARP (CSM) SAYS MONDALE RENEWED US COMMITMENT TO JAPAN, ASSURED FUKUDA US CONTINUES DESIRE FOR RECONCILIATION W/FORMER ADVERSARIES. NOTES FUKUDA TOUCHED ON KOREAN ISSUE IN POLICY SPEECH TO DIET BEFORE 1ST TALKS W/VP.

TREWHITT (SUN) SAYS VP DECLARED US GROUND FORCES IN SK WOULD BE REDUCED "WHETHER OR NOT THAT GOVERNMENT OBJECTS," BUT PROMISED CLOSE CONSULTATION W/SEOUL/TOKYO. ADDS IMPORTANT ASSURANCE TO GOJ WAS PROMISE WOULD BE "NO SURPRISES." STATES ECONOMICS DOMINATED VP-PM DISCUSSIONS, BUT DID NOT ELIMINATE JAPANESE CONCERN AT POSSIBILITY BEING EXPOSED STRATEGICALLY TO ASIAN MAINLAND. SAYS MON-

DALE ALSO FORMALLY NOTIFIED GOJ OF US PLANS CONTINUE  
IMPROVEMENT RELS W/PRC.

BRODER (WP) QUOTES VP THAT US WOULD PULL TROOPS OUT OF SK,  
BUT ONLY IN CLOSE CONSULTATION W/TOKYO/SEOUL. MONDALE  
ALSO SAID US WOULD NOT TURN BACK ON ASIA, HAS NO PRECISE  
SCHEDULE FOR TROOP DRAWDOWN IN SK, HAS ECON POLICIES  
PARALLEL TO THOSE FUKUDA ANNOUNCED TO DIET.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 9. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

MORITZ (CSM) SAYS RECENT BORDER INCIDENT POSES DILEMMA FOR  
RTG SINCE WANTS IMPROVED RELS W/CAMBODIA AS POSSIBLE  
BUFFER AGAINST VN, BUT CAN'T ALLOW SUCH ATTACKS CONTINUE.  
STATES THAIS WILL AVOID PUNITIVE FORAYS INTO CAMBODIA AS  
CONTINUE TRY COOL BORDER TENSIONS THRU NEGOTS W/PP. ADDS  
NO INDICATION WHO ORDERED RAID AND WHY.

HARVARD'S PROF HUNTINGTON (WP), DISTRESSED BY REFERENCE TO  
HIM AS APOLOGIST FOR VN WAR, WANTS RECORD SET STRAIGHT.  
SAYS HIS SUPPORT FOR US INVOLVEMENT DECLINED IN 1966, AND  
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HE ADVOCATED REDUCTION US FORCES IN VN IN 1967/POLICY OF  
ACCOMMODATION SINCE THEN.

#### 10. CHINA

FROM HK, CDN'S BEECH (BALT NA 1/29) STATES PRESS REPORTS  
RE LARGE-SCALE DISORDER IN PRC APPEAR BE LARGELY EXAGGER-  
ATED. ONE ANALYST BELIEVES PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCASTS,  
ON WHICH THESE REPORTS BASED, "LUMPED" TOGETHER ALL GRIEV-  
ANCES AGAINST GANG OF 4/"UNLOADED THEM" OVER RADIO AT SAME  
TIME. BEECH ALSO NOTES CHINESE "FEROCIOUS RHETORIC" MEANS  
DIFFERENT THINGS TO WESTERNERS THAN TO CHINESE, AND DIPL  
OBSERVERS "WILL BE VERY MUCH SURPRISED" IF ANY GANG OF 4  
MEMBERS PUT TO DEATH.

KRAFT (WP) CRITICIZES WHAT HE SEES AS CARTER'S UNFAMILIAR-  
ITY W/ARMS CONTROL ISSUE. NOTES RECENT COMMENTS, CALLING  
FOR AGREEMENT W/USSR TO END ALL NUKE TESING HAS "GRAVEST  
IMPLICATIONS" FOR PRC, WHICH CONTINUES TESTS. STATES "FEW  
PEOPLE" BETTER AWARE SUCH IMPLICATIONS AS SECSTAE, WHO HAD  
"HOT SCUSSION" OF MATTER W/TENG IN '75. CONCLUDES  
EITHER PRES DIDN'T CONSULT W/VANCE BEFORE "BLURTING OUT"  
VIEWS, OR BOTH HAVE POOR GRASP ON IMPLICATIONS NUKE  
TESTING/LARGER ISSUE OF "THREE-CORNERED" RELATIONS AMONG  
US/USSR/PRC.

#### 11. KOREA

JACK ANDERSON (BALT NA 1/31) SAYS "PENTAGON OFFICIALS" DISCUSSED/SUGGESTED/RECOMMENDED SENDING ROK TROOPS TO ANGOLA TO COUNTER CUBAN FORCES THERE--ADDS "AT THE LOWER LEVELS" THERE STILL TALK RE USING ROK TROOPS IN AFRICA IF SOVIETS CONTINUE "IMPORT" CUBANS.

ST LOUIS P-D (1/20) EDIT SEES OPPORTUNITY FOR US DIPLO-MATIC MANEUVER ON BASIS PRES PARK DECLARATION HE'D NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSE US WITHDRAWAL IF NK SIGNED NONAGGRESSION PACT W/SK. FEELS IN BEST INTERESTS BOTH US/ROK THAT OUR TROOPS GET OUT--CONCLUDES TAKE PARK AT HIS WORD AS WITHDRAWAL COULD BE "CATALYST" FOR EASING TENSION NEASIA.

JACK ANDERSON DEVOTES PORTION COLUMN (WP) TO "DOZENS OF OIL SCANDALS" BURIED IN FEA FILES. CITES MISUES/OVERALLO-CATIONS AVIATION FUEL STORED US BY FOREIGN CARRIERS, INCL JAL/KAL.

12. VP'S TRIP

WEINRAUB (NYT) SEES MORE OPEN US DIPLOMACY AS MESSAGE OF MONDALE'S TRIP. SAYS CALMED JAPANESE FEARS. REVIEWS ECON ISSUES. OPINES MONDALE EMERGED AS FORCEFUL SPOKES-MAN/ADEPT DIPLOMAT. ADDS JAPANESE/EUROPEANS VIEW ECON SUMMIT W/DEEPENING SIGNIFICANCE SINCE AFFORDS PARTICIPANTS CHANCE CARVE OUT MUTUAL STRATEGY DEALING W/UNEMPLOYMENT/INFLATION/ECON GROWTH/TRADE.

CSM REVIEWS CARTER'S 1ST DOZEN DAYS. BELIEVES PRES HAS LAUNCHED SELF WELL. SAYS BY SENDING MONDALE TO EUR/JAPAN, CARTER HAS SIGNED THAT US ASSIGNS HIGHEST PRIORITIES TO ALLIANCES W/DEMOCRATIC/INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, WILL COOPERATE IN TACKLING GLOBAL PROBLEMS.

.3. GENERAL

NYT PRAISES CARTER ADMIN'S DESIRE "BURDEN DIPLOMACY WITH IDEALS." SAYS AMERICANS "SHOULD APPLAUD" USG'S CONCERN FOR HARASSMENT CIVIL RIGHTS FORCES IN CZECH/USSR. OPINES SO LONG AS CARTER "GRAPPLES FORTHRIGHTLY" W/MIL ISSUES, SHOULD BE ABLE CONTINUE SPOTLIGHT CONCERN FOR HUMAN RTS.

WP (1/30) SEES SOME UNCERTAINTIES RE REACTIONS FROM OTHER NATIONS WHOSE HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE USG CRITICIZES, BUT ADVO- UNCLASSIFIED

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CATES "BROAD RANGE OF MEANS," INCL EXAMPLE/DIALOGUE/I;-

DIRECTION/TIME/EVOLUTION, TO STRENGTHEN PROSPECTS FOR  
WORLDWIDE ACCEPTANCE/ADOPTION US VALUES. SAYS THIS

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MAY TAKE LONGER THAN SOME WOULD PREFER, BUT DOUBTS "THAT  
THERE IS A SURER WAY."

RESTON (NYT 1/30) CRITICIZES CARTER ADMIN FOR ACTING IN  
CRITICAL FIELD US-SOVIET RELS W/O "GETTING ITSELF TOGETHER."  
CITES VANCE'S APPOINTMENT COLUMBIA'S SHULMAN AS SOVIET  
AFFAIRS ADVISOR, WHO RESTON NOTES HAS TAKEN HUMAN RIGHTS  
POSITION THAT SEEMS DIFFER FROM CARTER ADMIN'S "SUDDEN DIP-  
LOMACY." QUOTES SHULMAN THAT EFFORT COMPEL CHANGES IN SOVIET  
INSTITUTIONS/PRACTICES BY FRONTAL DEMANDS FROM OTHER GOVTS  
LIKELY BE "COUNTERPRODUCTIVE." RESTON CONCLUDES W/WISH  
THAT ADMIN "WOULD MAKE HASTE A LITTLE MORE SLOWLY."

NYT (1/30) CITES CARTER'S AMBITIOUS GOALS RE STRATEGIC  
WEAPONS FREEZE/EVENTUAL ELIMINATION ALL NUKES/INCORPORATION  
HUMAN RIGHTS INTO US FOPOL. SAYS FORMER QUESTION "JIMMY  
WHO?" NOW BECOMING "JIMMY HOW?", BUT AFTER "EXTRAORDINARY  
PASSAGE" FROM PLAINS TO WH "WHO DARES ARGUE THAT HE IS  
OVERREACHING?"

SEN SPARKMAN (WP 1/31) FINDS NATIONAL CONSENSUS BUILDING ON  
WHAT SHOULD BE US FOPOL GOALS. FROM 13 SFRC SESSIONS, HAS  
GLEANED MAJOR QUESTIONS WHICH NEED BE ANSWERED IN SEARCH  
FOR LONG-RANGE FOPOL, INCL ISSUES MORAL STANDARDS IN FOPOL/  
US RESPONSE IN INSTANCES WHERE GROSS VIOLATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS  
EXIST; RISKS IN CONTINUING ARMS RACE/RISKS IN SUPPORTING  
DISARMAMENT POLICY.

KRAFT (SUN 1/30) LOOKS AT NEW CABINET, FINDS "FAR MORE  
BRAIN POWER" THAN IN FORD ADMIN. CITES SECDEF BROWN/SEC-  
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STATE VANCE COOPERATIVE EFFORT CAN HALT ALL-OUT DEVELOPMENT  
CRUISE MISSILES "WHICH WOULD THREATEN ANY NEW ARMS-CONTROL  
AGREEMENT W/RUSSIA." PRAISES SECSTATE'S APPOINTMENTS LESLIE  
GELB/HARVARD PROF JOSEPH NYE AS "STRONG FIGURES."

TREWHITT (SUN 1/30) EXPECTS LITTLE CHANGE IN EARLY STAGES  
CARTER ADMIN'S FOPOL, BUT BELIEVES TIME WILL PRODUCE  
CHANGE/OFFER NEW INSIGHTS INTO "INTRIGUING CLUSTER OF MEN"  
ADVISING PRES ON WORLD AFFAIRS. SINGLES OUT VANCE/BRZEZIN-  
SKI AS POTENTIAL RIVALS; QUOTES CAREER DIPLOMAT THAT IF  
GROUP LIVES UP TO ITS POTENTIAL, COULD BE "MOST SUCCESSFUL  
FOREIGN POLICY TEAM IN HISTORY."  
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